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## Soccer machine stopped

Brandi Beale (left) tries to comfort teammate Beth McGill after the UNO soccer team's quarterfinal loss to Grand Valley State Saturday in Allendale, Mich. The loss ended the Mavs' hopes to repeat as NCAA II champs. See story on pg. 4

## Senators object to committee chair appointments

### Student Senate

TAYLOR MULLER  
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The Nov. 9 meeting of the Student Senate was marked by much debate on committee chair appointments. Other appointments were also confirmed, adding up to one of the longest meetings in recent memories, said President/Regent Steve Massara.

The meeting was the second for the new Student Senate, which Vice President James Hulstein described as a "young senate," with a number of the senators serving their first term.

During the meeting, Massara gave his report on the most recent Board of Regents meeting, the last one of his term. Massara also discussed the Aksarben Village property.

"I had a PowerPoint about the Aksarben future trust, what the town homes and offices are going to look like," said Massara. "I now have a guarantee from Howard Hawks; a lot of things are going to happen in the next three to four months."

Hawks is on the Board of Regents for district two which includes parts of Douglas and Sarpy counties.

There was some disagreement among many of the senators regarding the committee chair appointments made by Speaker Cassy Loseke.

Loseke said she was within her power when she chose to appoint the chairpersons, despite

previous speakers letting each committee elect their own chairs.

"It's in the bylaws that it's my duty to decide who's in what committee. Also, it's my duty to appoint the committee chairs. I was just basically following the bylaws," said Loseke. "I didn't want it to be a popularity vote, I wanted it to be the people I thought would do it best."

Hulstein said he felt that Loseke should have let each committee choose its own chair, but that it was her call.

"I felt that they were qualified," said Hulstein. "They weren't who I would have picked, but I don't think they would have done a bad job, just would have had a learning curve."

According to the student government bylaws, article two, section K, clause one, "Committee Chairs shall be appointed by the Speaker and approved by the Student Senate."

After much debate, Loseke decided to let each committee elect its own chair.

Massara agreed that it was for the best that the senate move on and remember that they are there to serve the students.

"I saw it as not really serving the best interest of the senate by arguing," said Massara.

The next Student Senate meeting is on Nov. 30, with the appointments being decided by each individual committee on Nov. 16.

## UNO volunteers placed on higher-ed community service honor roll

JORDAN PLAGMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Students' helping hands helped UNO make the cut for inclusion on this year's President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

Thousands of students volunteered to do community service work for last year's Hurricane Katrina Relief, service learning efforts and other community service projects.

The students' perseverance and hard work paid off when UNO was informed on Oct. 17 it won the Community Service Honor Roll award.

According to the Corporation for National and Community Service Web site, learnandserve.gov, the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll responds to President George W. Bush's call to service by building on and supporting the civic engagement mission of our nation's colleges and universities.

This new recognition program is designed to increase public awareness of the contributions that college students are making within their local communities and across the country through volunteer service.

Paul Sather, director of UNO's Service Learning Academy, said, "It's great for us. This is a very important recognition of what students and faculty do here."

Students enrolled in classes that are service learning classes are often the volunteers for the projects. Another way students recruit volunteers is by setting up tables in the Milo Bail Student Center to sign up.

Sather said the applications for the award went out

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## International Student Week brings diversity celebrations to community

ASHLEE SCHUETTE  
STAFF WRITER

Looking around, you might notice a variety of cultural backgrounds from around the world. The delicious chocolate we've come to know and love today originated in Spain. Thank the Egyptians when you put your makeup on every morning. You would not even have mirrors to look through as you put on that makeup if it wasn't for early Europeans.

During the week of Nov. 13 to 17, UNO students will get a chance to learn about cultural diversity by celebrating International Student Week.

The United States Department of Education and the State Department

hope to use this program to prepare Americans for an enhanced global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to experience life in the United States.

Activities both on and off campus will be designed to celebrate UNO's international student population and educate the students as well as the surrounding communities about the diverse cultures located on campus. More than 1,300 international students from 116 different countries were represented on campus last year, according to the UNO Office of Institutional Research.

On Nov. 13 and 15, students can attend the Bethsaida exhibit tour and view ancient artifacts such as jewelry,

coins and pottery. Special exhibits include "Silent Spectators of the Sacred" and "Ancient Writing in the Mediterranean World." The exhibit, located in Arts and Science Hall room 343, will run from 9 a.m. to noon and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

A study abroad information table for students will be located in the south entrance of the Milo Bail Student Center on Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students can also buy baked goods from the international bake sale at the same location from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Stop by the Café Internationale from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday to sample cuisine from around the world as well as view displays, presentations and musical performances by various

international students.

An international career seminar titled, "Preparing for Global Business and International Careers," will also be on Tuesday from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The International Education Week Luncheon will be held on Nov. 15 in the Dodge Room of MBSC. This event is by invitation only and will recognize graduating international students, graduating international studies majors and sponsored exchange students.

On Friday, UNO international students will have a chance to visit Crestridge Elementary School to meet students and take part in a school-wide assembly. The performance will include singing, dancing and instrumental music from around the world.

## News You Can Use

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### Geography lecture focuses on Sudanese conflict, migration

David Chand, UNO associate professor of political science, will give a lecture titled "The War in Sudan and Sudanese Migration to Omaha" as part of Geography Awareness Week on Wednesday, Nov. 15. The lecture is open to all UNO students, faculty as well as staff and will take place at 7 p.m. in room 115 of Durham Science Center.

### Raffle to raise refugee awareness

A raffle, "Omaha: A Place to Call Home," will take place through Thursday, Nov. 16 to raise awareness for Omaha-area refugees. The event, sponsored by the UNO non-profit fund-raising class and Heartland Refugee Resettlement, will give away more than \$3,000 worth of prizes to students, faculty and staff participating in the fundraiser.

Tickets are available for purchase today in the Milo Bail Student Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Wednesday as well as Thursday, Nov. 15-16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Criss Library. They are available at the following rates: \$2 for one ticket, \$3 for five tickets, \$10 for eight tickets and \$20 for 20 tickets.

### Bethsaida open house offers glimpse of ancient world

The Bethsaida excavations project will offer students an opportunity to tour two special exhibits tomorrow. The exhibits are "Silent Specters of the Sacred," which features stones from Temple Mount in Jerusalem, and "Ancient Writings in the Mediterranean World," featuring a collection of ancient inscriptions in cuneiform, Aramaic, Hebrew, Latin and Coptic.

Tours will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 15, in Arts and Sciences Hall room 344. The exhibits are open from 9 a.m. to noon and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

### Indian spring break opportunity announced

Thirty-five UNO students will have the opportunity to visit the Indian Institute of Technology at Kharagpur this spring break in a trip that includes visits to Delhi, Calcutta, Bangalore and Agra.

Participating students would only have to

cover the cost of airfare, passport and visa fees as well as insurance costs, according to study abroad advisor Krista Cuprick. Other costs associated with the trip, including meals and hotel rooms, will be underwritten by infoUSA.

Interested students are urged to attend an informational meeting on Friday, Nov. 17, at 4 p.m. in Art and Sciences Hall room 241. The deadline to apply for this program is Dec. 1.

### International Education Week events celebrate multiculturalism

More than 1,300 international students from Azerbaijan to Zambia studied at UNO this year. To celebrate the importance of international studies, the campus will host several events for International Education Week:

#### Tuesday, Nov. 14

Café Internationale Open House  
2 to 4 p.m., Arts and Sciences Hall room 241  
International Career Seminar  
1 to 2:15 p.m., Roskens Hall room 206

#### Thursday, Nov. 16

Study Abroad Displays  
10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Milo Bail Student Center south entrance

#### Immigration reform presentation scheduled

Milo Mumgaard, executive director of Nebraska Appleseed and director of the Appleseed Immigrant Policy Program, will discuss "common sense" immigration reform options in a lecture next week.

"Common Sense and Immigration Reform: What People Really Want" will be held at 7 p.m. on Nov. 16 in the William H. and Dorothy Thompson Alumni Center. The talk is free and open to the public.

#### Communication school offers post-election ad analysis forum

The UNO School of Communications' student organizations will host a post-election campaign ad analysis focusing on the U.S. Senate race in Nebraska.

The forum, "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Political Advertising in the Nelson-Ricketts Senate Race," will include such panelists as Carlos Castillo,

campaign manager for Gov. Dave Heineman; Henry Cordes, staff writer for the *Omaha World-Herald*; and Joe Jordan, a reporter for KMTV Action 3 News.

The event is sponsored by the Ad Club, Society of Professional Journalists as well as the Public Relations Student Society of America and will be held on Thursday, Nov. 16 in the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom from 10 to 11:15 a.m.

#### Annual student film festival planned

The fourth annual UNO Film Festival will be held on Nov. 16, by the UNO Film Society. The festival will feature short films from local college students. The free festival is open to the public and will be held at Westwood Cinema, 2809 S. 125th Ave.

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## UNO Students not burnt out over Omaha's recent smoking ban



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Senior Samantha Just-Stimpel couldn't be happier about the recently-passed Omaha smoking ban.

"I like it because I'm pregnant," she said, "and I still want to go out."

Although she isn't a smoker, she said her husband is trying to quit.

"It just makes it easier for people when they're quitting to not have to be surrounded by it everywhere," she

said.

Omaha's smoking ban was proposed in early 2005, and was passed by the Omaha City Council on a 6 to 1 vote. It went into effect at 12:01 a.m. on Oct. 2.

On Thursday, Nov. 16, the Wellness Stampede program at UNO will be encouraging students to quit smoking by participating in the Great American Smokeout. Volunteers from the program will be handing out survival kits and tips in the MBSC plaza from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to help students quit smoking.

"We think it will be a great event and we hope a lot of students want to participate," said David Daniels, assistant director for fitness and wellness.

Whether students smoke or not, many agree that the smoking ban is a positive change for Omaha.

Junior Justin Loehr isn't a smoker, and said it is nice to go home from bars without smelling like smoke.

"I feel [Omaha] has changed for the better," he said. Loehr also said that bars that banned smoking now have a much better atmosphere.

"It's a lot nicer to go into a bar and not have to worry about being around second-hand smoke the whole time you're there," he said.

Although he is a smoker, senior Joey Hurley said he thinks that overall, the smoking ban is a good thing for the general public. However, he admits it has its drawbacks.

"I think I'll hate it much more in the winter time," he said.

Hurley said he has plenty of friends who also smoke, and that the smoking ban will "definitely come into play" when they decide where to go out in the future.

Sophomore Kelly Kinzer said she hates the smoking ban.

"I like to smoke when I drink and it's cold outside," she said. "I hate freezing my butt off."

Because of this, Kinzer said she has mostly stopped going to bars that don't allow smoking.

Like Kinzer, not all Omaha restaurants and bars welcomed the smoking ban with open arms. Under the new ordinance, smoking is prohibited in the workplace and places of public gathering. Exceptions to the ban include businesses with simulcast horse racing, tobacco retail outlets, bars with limited food services or any business that actively sells keno. These establishments have five years to comply

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## Hockey team drops two to Wolverines

MICHELLE BISHOP  
PHOTO EDITOR

After a long weekend in Ann Arbor, the UNO hockey team is still looking for its first road win of the season.

The Mavericks fell to Central Collegiate Hockey Association power Michigan 6-4 Friday night and 5-1 Saturday at Yost Ice Arena.

After jumping out to a two-goal lead in the first period on Friday night, the Mavs were in for a back-and-forth offensive showdown. UNO's power play connected early for two goals, but the Mavs couldn't stop Michigan's Kevin Porter as his hat trick fueled Michigan's 6-4 win.

Entering the game Michigan and UNO were ranked 1-2, respectively, for team scoring in the CCHA.

The Mavs grabbed a 1-0 lead on Adam Bartholomay's power play goal at the 12:19 mark of the first period. Just over a minute later, Scott Parse beat Michigan goalie Billy Sauer to give UNO an early 2-0 lead.

While UNO appeared to have control

of the game, Michigan's Porter netted the first of his three goals to cut UNO's lead to 2-1 to end the first period. At the 4:17 mark of the second period, Alex Nikiforuk's power play goal pushed the UNO lead to 3-1. The Mavs converted on two of four power plays during the game.

"The power play we had been working on all week. We knew what they were doing on their penalty kill, we knew we had to come out with speed and come out hard," Bartholomay said. "I think we were prepared better this weekend than we were any other weekend on the power play."

Michigan's high-powered offense responded, as Porter and Andrew Cogliano put the puck past UNO goalie Jerad Kaufmann to tie the game 3-3 near the end of the second period.

Early in the third period, Michigan jumped to a 4-3 lead with a goal by Brian Lebler. UNO responded shortly after, as Dan Charleston's wrist shot found the back of the net for a 4-4 tie.

Both teams turned up the intensity as the third period ticked away. But at 13:58, Porter collected his third goal to give Michigan a 5-4 lead. The UNO offense couldn't get the puck past Sauer, but came close when JJ Koehler's shot went off the pipe. Michigan sealed the win with Jack Johnson's wrap-around goal with less than two minutes left in the game.

"They scored to go ahead 4-3, we could have given up there, but we scrambled back and scratched back," Kemp said. "It came down to their top line guys scored the goals ... you got Porter with three tonight, that's the key."

Saturday's game wasn't nearly as close.

The Wolverines came out aggressive, notching two first-period goals and out-shooting UNO 16-8.

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photo by Michelle Bishop

Sophomore Amanda Iwansky beats two Grand Valley players to the ball. Last week Iwansky was named to the All-North Central Conference team for the second time.

## Soccer team's title defense ends with 1-0 loss to Grand Valley

MICHELLE BISHOP  
PHOTO EDITOR

Grand Valley State was able to do to the UNO soccer team what no other squad could this season: hold the Mavs scoreless for 90 minutes.

The Mavs' chance to defend their national championship disappeared Saturday in Allendale, Mich. as Grand Valley State ended UNO's season with a 1-0 loss in the NCAA quarterfinals.

The loss was also the first of the season for the 19-1-2 Mavs.

About six minutes into the game, an early goal by Grand Valley's Shannon

Carrier provided all the offense the Lakers needed to get by UNO, the top D-II team in the country.

"I give credit to Grand Valley. They did what they had to do and scored that early goal and stayed with their game and kept some pressure on us," Coach Don Klosterman said. "[Carrier] is a very good player on their team, we just gave her one chance and she scored, that's what you can't do."

The Mavs had 84 minutes to net

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Scott Parse works the puck around Michigan's Mark Mitera during Friday's game at Yost Ice Arena.

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# Football team runs over Central Washington for share of NCC crown

JASON GLENN  
SPORTS EDITOR

They say when you build something you do it from the ground up, but for the UNO football team, the ground is exactly where they want to be.

The Mavericks had three players rush for more than 100 yards for the first time in almost a decade to help run up a 48-14 win over Central Washington and nail down a share of the North Central Conference title for the third year in a row.

Kyle Kasperbauer, Nate Wurth and Zach Miller each reached the century mark in a game that saw the Mavs offense rack up 400 total rushing yards on 45 carries.

Kasperbauer, who led all rushers with 128 yards, said the team is comfortable with their strengths and knows what it takes to win ballgames.

"We just concentrate on what we do best," he said. "We're not going to change who we are."

Another thing UNO has come to be known for is blocking punts. For the third straight week, the Mavericks turned a blocked punt into seven points and, this time, it gave them the early lead.

Just two minutes into the game, Kenny Onatulo broke through the line and smothered a Coby Sadler punt, sending the ball skittering into the UNO end zone where Trent Lyons recovered it.

Onatulo said the success over the last three games has given the squad the mentality that they should always be able to get one.

"We're disappointed that we didn't block three of them, really," he said.

The Wildcats drove 80 yards on their next possession to even the score, but a 32-yard kickoff return by Jeff Souder gave the Mavs good field position coming back. Two plays later, Miller did what he does best and scampered 39 yards down the sideline to put UNO up 14-7.

The teams traded a few possessions to start the second quarter, but then Nate Wurth rumbled 55 yards to the Wildcat nine to give UNO another scoring opportunity. After a Kasperbauer touchdown was called back on a penalty, Pagel Williams took a reverse and dashed 13 yards into the left corner of the end zone to stretch the lead to 20-7 at the half.

Williams said the team had been working on the play



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Senior Kyle Kasperbauer turns the corner on a Wildcat defender. Kasperbauer finished the game with 128 yards rushing on 14 carries and scored a touchdown. Kasperbauer was one of 17 seniors honored before the game.

earlier in the week and he suspected he might get a chance to run it.

"It felt good to see the end zone for the first time in my career," he said.

The Maverick offense carried their momentum into the second half, taking the ball 67 yards on the opening drive to push the lead to 20 points.

After that, the defense made sure that Central Washington didn't get back in the game. Cornerback Reed Taylor broke up two passes on the Wildcats' next possession, including a deep ball to the end zone and a critical 4th-and-9 attempt, to give the ball back to the offense.

With time running down in the third quarter,

Kasperbauer made it 34-7 when he outran the defenders 63 yards for a score.

CWU again marched 80 yards to score early in the fourth, but Miller capped a 66-yard drive with a five-yard run and Williams caught a 14-yard pass from Greg Wunderlich midway through the period for the final points.

Coach Pat Behrms said the victory and the title were important to a team that's been through its fair share of adversity this season.

"That was a big win for the players, the program and the coaches," said Behrms. "You know, you get a piece of and or win a conference championship three years in a row: that's pretty special."

## Volleyball falls to Augustana in first round of NCAA regionals



Carlie Christensen

JASON GLENN  
SPORTS EDITOR

The third time was most definitely not a charm for the UNO volleyball team.

The 16th-ranked Mavericks' year ended Thursday

with a first-round NCAA North Central Regional Tournament loss to Augustana, a team they had beaten twice during the regular season.

Despite trailing the Mavs in kills, the Vikings capitalized on 21 UNO errors to pull out a 3-0 victory and advance in the tournament.

"I give a tremendous amount of credit to Augustana," said Coach Rose Shires. "They played with an attacking mentality. They came to win this game."

Junior Carlie Christensen led the Mavericks with 14 kills on .357 hitting, while collecting a match-high four blocks. Senior Christina Reicks recorded her 19th double-double of the season with 11 kills and 12 digs.



Christina Reicks

Senior Stacie Wemhoff led the Mavericks defensively with a match-high 27 digs

and two service aces.

Despite a slow start, the Mavs were able to battle back late in the first game to tie the score at 28-28. Augustana got a block and a kill on the next two points, though, to notch a 30-28 win.

UNO jumped out to a 3-0 lead in game two before Augustana's Abby Schmidt rattled off four service aces in a 7-0 Viking run that forced a UNO timeout at 8-4. The Mavericks fought back to a 22-22 tie, but Augustana responded by going on an 8-2 tear to close out the game as UNO was plagued with five errors.

The third game was close until Augustana used another streak to take the lead 22-18. The Mavericks were able to close the gap to one point at 28-27 but the Vikings responded with three straight kills to close out the match 30-27.

The loss snapped a six-match Maverick winning streak and marked the first time in three seasons that UNO has not advanced to the second round of the Regional.

Shires said the key to the match was that Augustana jumped out early and put the Mavs on their heels.

"I felt as if from the first whistle we let Augustana attack us, we became passive," Shires said. "With the feeling of being attacked it becomes difficult to feel like you can dig yourself out of a hole. We allowed Augustana to take control of the match."

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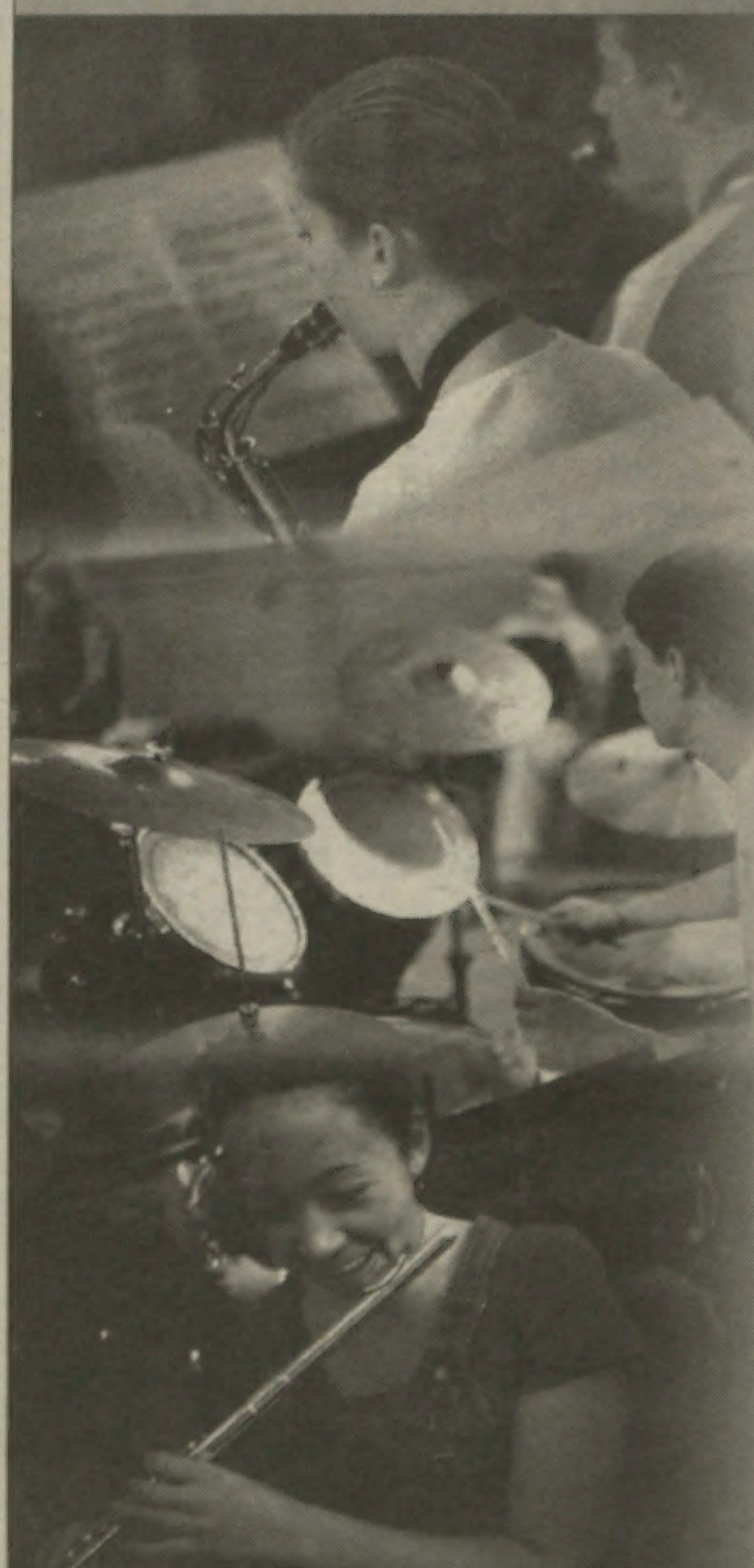
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Andrew Cumbee | Arts & Leisure Editor

## Is it hip or just hype? Part one of an unsolved clubbing mystery...

It was the faint and fleeting memory of my conversation with an off-centered German-based music journalist by the name of Torsten Schmidt that came to mind one afternoon when I received two simultaneous phone calls about an article I had written. The article they were referring to was that of various club reviews that appeared in the Aug. 8, 2006, edition of the *Gateway*. Apart from the many slams and simmering critiques I had made on various nightlife establishments in Omaha, their phone calls only pertained to the king of the hill: Club Nico.

I'm not going to name who those callers were to divert the vengeance of the all-seeing eye of Nico's staff, but their response had an aire of joy, a loftiness of laughter and an undertone of "I can't believe you wrote that..."

I don't think their dismay came through my statement that said Nico was "the less 'souped-up' and more

heterosexual version of the Max." It wasn't the fact that I pointed out they notoriously have slow Thursday nights, nor was it that I wrote that I distinctly disagreed with their hip-hip/pop, top-40 tunes and dance remixes.

No, I think the biggest blow-out came with this: "When you walk up, watch yourself at the door. The bouncers are notoriously homophobic, racist and sexist steroid-pumping gym-sters. But, as long as you don't mouth off, ditch the baseball caps and stray from any slightly gang-related attire (and this even includes Tommy Hilfiger on their bad days), you'll get in."

Yep, now that I re-read that, I'm pretty sure that's what struck the Achilles tendon. That's the reason many were left marinating in anger after the whole staff of Nico had read the article, including all the bouncers (the aforementioned, much to my regret). It was, in fact, that statement which hit the prefrontal cortex lobe in my brain when I recalled that off-centered German telling me in a conversation

never to be afraid to piss people off with my journalism. He went on to point out the tell-tale sign off a non-credible journalist in review articles was one who always seemed to find the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, even when it was a light stream of nuclear sludge that brought them there. In other words, if it sucks, tell the people like it is.

But, in the primary colored light of this, I didn't find myself apologizing when the main event coordinator of Nico, Deanne Janecek, called me on the eve of her birthday celebration. That's because I wasn't asked to.

I picked up the phone, "Hello..." only to hear her voice on the other end. I responded with an appropriate and professional "Oh, sh#@!" with which she said, "Oh no, don't you 'Oh, sh#@' me!"

Then she immediately went on to not scold me like a panhandler for having stolen a piece of bread in a hand-cut-off-for-an-offense third-world nation, but in fact complimented me for my writing abilities. In addition, she mentioned that she was going to use my review as an example and for leverage as to why Nico needed to implement a public relations and interior makeover. It turns out Nico's

staff was already in the middle of talks as to how they could change their fleeting credibility and re-establish themselves as the main townhall assemblage for all things under the stars at night.

That was back in August. Flash forward three months to November, and for quite some time now, we've seen billboards, banners and beefed-up rhetoric on how Nico has gone through a transformation. With their "Reenergized: New Look, New Atmosphere, New Attitude" campaign, Nico is evidently changing some things.

Well, it's early Friday night, and Nico is currently gearing up for another sugary-infused-cocktail night. I'm wondering if I have any attire that will fit their "Club Med" theme of sexy doctors and nurses, and the international house-don who is set to perform, Charles Feelgood, is finding his hotel room after having a delayed flight in Chicago. All is as it should be, and in the marketing and public relations created light of all of this, my mission is to find out tonight if Nico has gone through any of the changes they claim they have.

With interviews from Nico's main light guy, a few random patrons and hopefully a top employee at Nico, be sure to check out part two of this article, set to come out in a future issue of the *Gateway*. Check back in two weeks.

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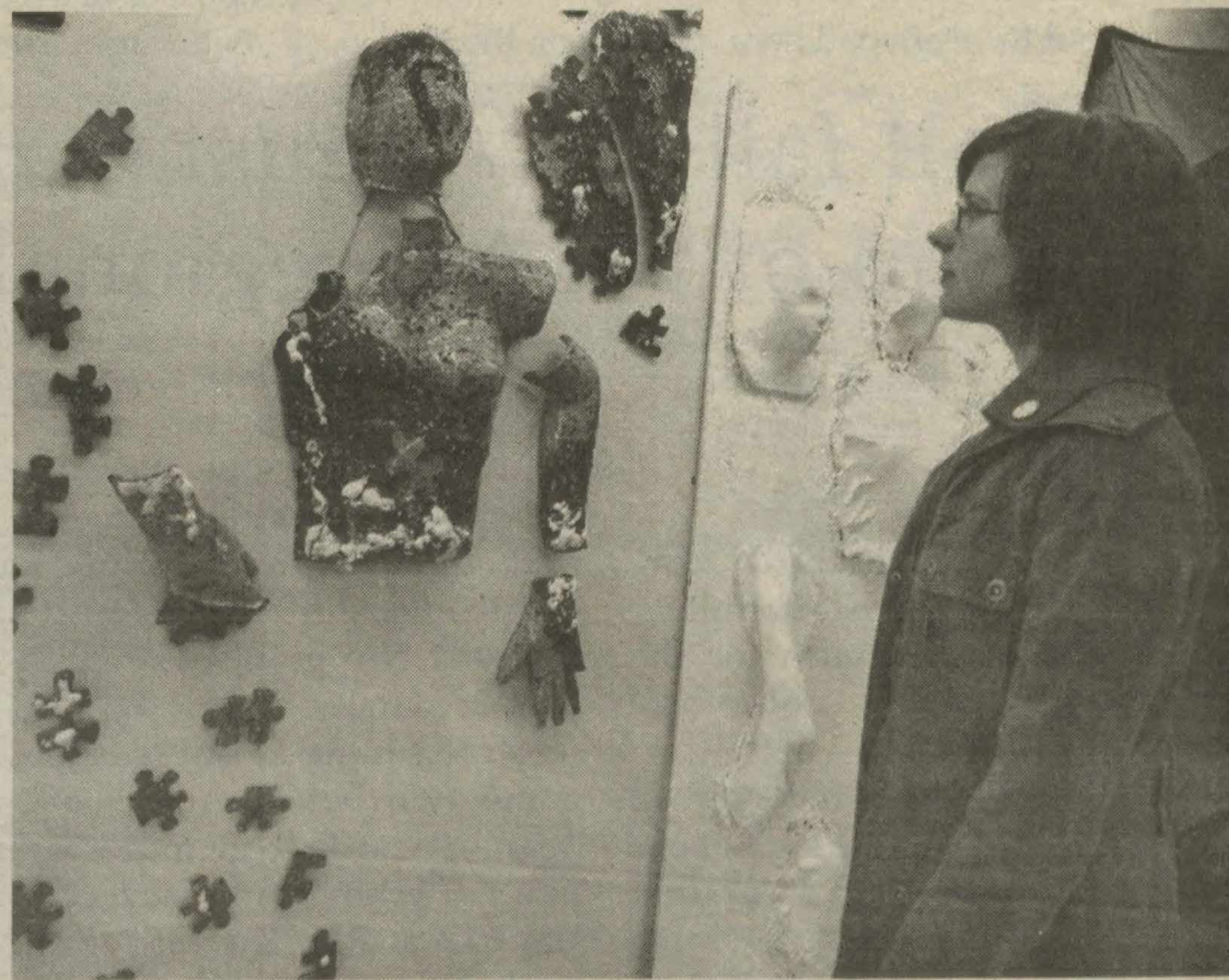


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Art major Ashlee Brittain stops to look at an exhibit hanging in the Sugar Shaft on the second floor of the Weber Fine Arts building. The Sugar Shaft is open to the public Monday through Friday from 5 a.m.-10 p.m.

## Sugar Shaft shows 'sweet' side of student, faculty latest artwork

SALLY BROWN DESKINS  
STAFF WRITER

The celebrated UNO Art Gallery isn't the only exhibiting space on campus. In fact, it's not the only one in the Weber Fine Arts building.

Those who roam the halls of the Fine Arts building probably notice the frequently changing décor of the second floor hallway, otherwise known as the "Sugar Shaft Gallery."

Students and faculty have been exhibiting their latest work, in media ranging from drawing and painting to

sculpture and even performance art, since the fall of 2005, according to Sugar Shaft co-founder, Wanda Ewing.

Ewing, an assistant professor of art and art history, has always enjoyed promoting student work in the hallways, but needed to find a way to do it without harming the walls and making it more prominent for hallway visitor art viewers.

Along with fellow art colleague David Helm, chair of the art and art history department, and with help from Russ Nordman, assistant professor of art

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## Democrats need to provide results, not plan for re-election in 2008

### Give me a break



Lance Allen

Another election day has come and gone. As I'm sure that you have noticed, the Democratic Party has regained control of both the Senate and the House, with a very

close margin of majority in the Senate. In addition to this Congressional shake-up, Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld resigned on Wednesday, adding to the tone of change in Washington.

With all this information coming in less than a week ago, it's hard to tell if these were

good changes or negative ones. President Bush said the Democrats' takeover showed the strength of America's democracy. People say that the Defense Department needed a "new perspective." So far, it looks like this was a good change.

With all this support, how can this change be a bad thing? This change can be absolutely meaningless if we, the American people, allow Congress to slip back into its old habits.

This weekend, CNN.com posted a story on how the Democrats plan to retain their majority after the 2008 elections. Some Democrats already proposed a three-step plan to ensure a long-term Democratic majority.

Earlier this year, I wrote an article commenting on the ineffectiveness of Congress due to their desire to become re-elected being greater than their desire to improve the country. And now, not

even one week following the election, the Democratic Party is already worried about the next election. I'm confused as to how doing the same old things over and over again will improve America.

Knowing that most election campaigns start slightly less than a year before an election, the Democrats have quite a workload ahead of them. They plan to fix the situation in Iraq, lower taxes, increase minimum wage, improve economic conditions for the middle class and ensure cheaper prescription drugs. And since they are obviously concerned about re-election, they need to accomplish all of that in 13 months.

To me, this just appears to be the same old pattern. Political candidates promise far more than they can deliver, simply because it's what the people want to hear. Following election to a position, they simply shift into "neutral" and coast out their term, doing just

enough to keep their constituents satisfied.

Based on all of this information, I would like to make the following challenge to the newly-Democratic Congress: produce some tangible results before you even consider discussing the 2008 elections. Re-election is a thing to be earned, not planned for.

As I said in my previous article, I would much rather vote for a candidate that ran a minimal campaign so that he or she could remain in Washington and work for the people. What the American people need now is results from their government and, if that can't be delivered, I wouldn't be surprised if there was another shift of power in 2008.

Do the Democrats really think that they can make the same mistakes the Republicans did and not face the same consequences? Give me a break.

All comments are welcome at lance.tallen@gmail.com

## Did we vote for bipartisanship?

### Sinister Slant



Scott Stewart

Let's pretend that it's Thursday evening, about seven o'clock. You just settled into your couch and changed your brand-new high-def TV over to Cox channel 805 to watch

the latest episode of *Survivor: Cook Island*.

One of the two tribes proceeds to spend the next hour fighting tooth-and-nail to narrowly beat out the other group after a nasty, vicious battle. Upon winning they're shown a full buffet table, overflowing with a Thanksgiving-time feast, and presented with two options: eat the feast by themselves or try to reconcile with the other tribe by inviting them to the table.

Keep in mind that during last six weeks, the other tribe has avoided sharing with them at all costs, even kicking sand in the eyes of one of their best teammates.

Which choice do you think most Americans would want the newly victorious tribe to make?

If you've been listening to CNN lately, allowing your mind to be slowly propagandized by the fallout from the recent federal election, you might instinctively cry out: "bipartisanship!"

However, if you're like most Americans, I think you'll agree with me that the victors should eat the damn turkey and let the other tribe get a taste of their own medicine.

No American really wants to see sharing and cooperation on TV, whether it's on CBS or C-SPAN. We want conflict, strife, struggle. We want controversy, hidden plots uncovered and our weekly plot twist, whether predictable or not, to keep the story interesting.

After all, let's be reasonable, intelligent people for a minute. Everyone knows that politics is theatre and that, for the most part, politics only serves those with enough power to really influence the system.

Ambrose Bierce, in his famed *Devil's Dictionary*, defined politics as "a strife of interests masquerading as a contest of principles" as well as "the conduct of public affairs for private advantage." Masquerading is just a fancy, if more

eloquent, way of observing politics is mere theatre, a base form of it at that.

If, then, politics is theatre, is it unreasonable to expect our tax-paid actors to at least put on an interesting show? Investigation into the corruption in the Bush Administration, refusal to cooperate with obtuse Republican leadership and defiant calls for change are the least the Democrats could pretend to do for American society.

It's also the least they could do if they really intended to become, what incoming Speaker Nancy Pelosi called, "the most open and honest Congress in history." Fortunately for Pelosi and her supporters, history doesn't set the bar all that high. That's beside the point, though.

The Democrats are doing both themselves and the American public a disservice with their calls for bipartisan cooperation with their colleagues across the aisle. They should be going in for the kill, ignoring the question of whether they have popular support for their actions.

After all, did the Republicans shy away from calling George Bush's "election" a mandate, even when he lost the popular vote? Did Republicans worry whether the average American wanted to send our nation's youth to die for oil in the Middle East, have their telephones tapped without warrants or put foreign-looking people into a string of secret CIA-operated prisons?

If the Democrats want to make a difference, they need to challenge the current administration, not promise to cooperate with it. Pretty much every piece of bipartisan legislation in the last six years has been another nail in the coffin of the United States; what makes the Democrats think this will suddenly change overnight?

The American people didn't vote for bipartisanship last week.

We voted for a better approach for getting out of Iraq. We voted to include the middle class in the economic prosperity the rich keep talking about and the poor never see. We voted to have social programs like Social Security protected, so we can avoid the next economic depression scheduled in six or 10 years. We voted to investigate and prosecute the corruption, perversion and scum that have taken over Congress.

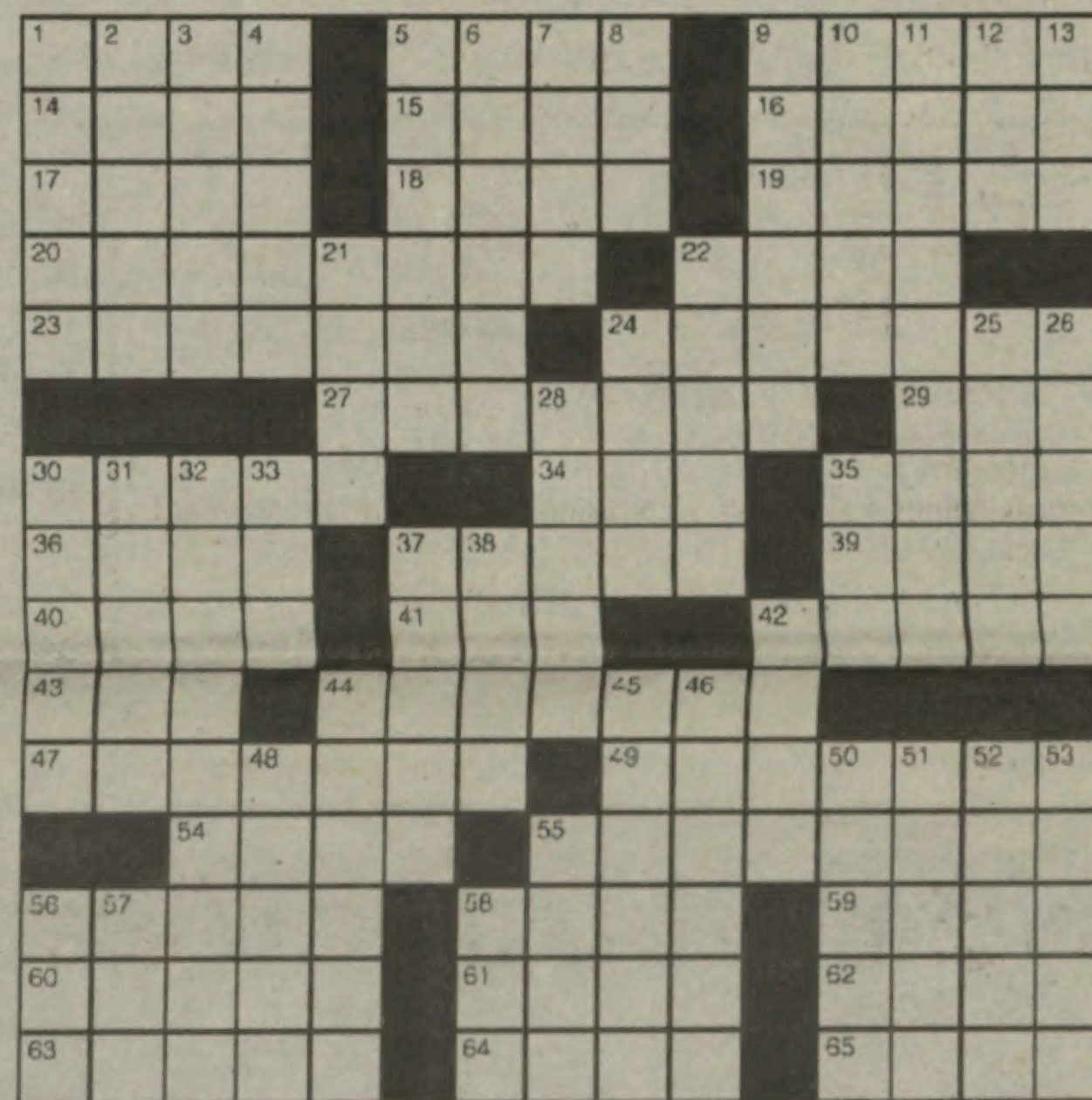
If the Democrats pretend to not understand that, they don't deserve to be in power any more than the Republicans do.

The least they could do is give us a couple of years of good TV by pretending to stand up for us.

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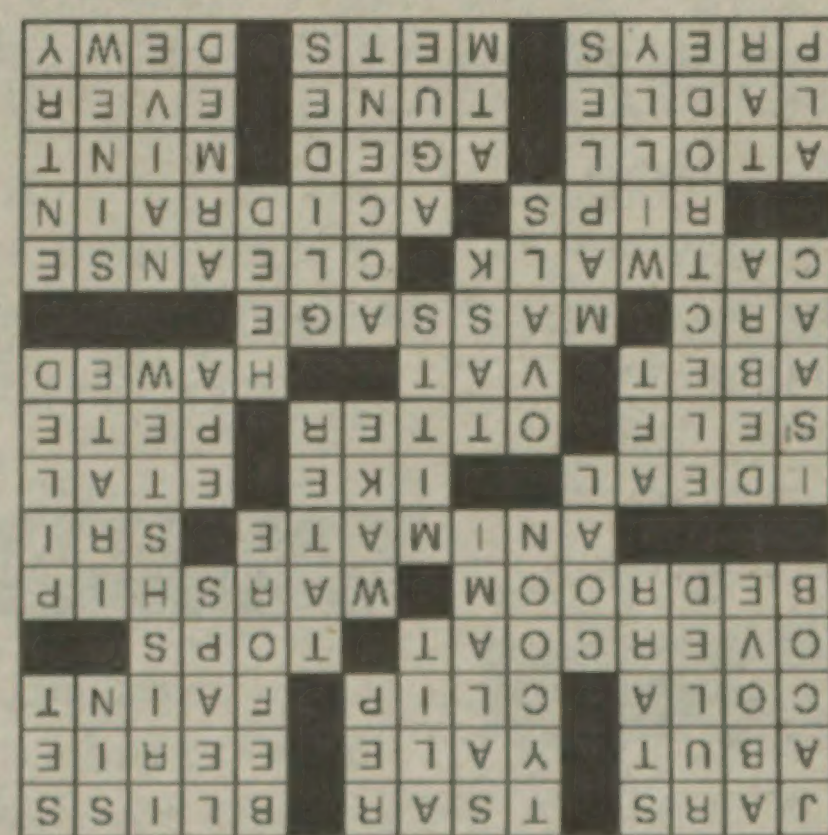
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From **HONOR ROLL:** Page 1

over the summer and 500 universities around the nation applied.

Universities were asked to select service-learning projects from last year to put on the application. Besides the Katrina Relief, UNO mentioned its Seven Days of Service, a week-long service-learning project where students renovated homes.

Other projects included in the application were the City Sprouts project, where student volunteers worked with the local grass roots community project to plant a dozen gardens and the Preston Love project, in which students from the School of Communication and the English department designed

publications.

The committee went through and picked three Katrina programs and exemplary programs.

"We received the honor roll partly because of our Katrina Relief efforts and partly for service learning efforts," said Sather.

The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll is an annual award and Sather hopes to see UNO maintain its place on the Honor Roll.

"I don't see any reason why we can't accomplish it," Sather said. "The students and faculty make it work and this is a good way to do it."

From **SUGAR:** Page 6

and art history, put up sheets of plywood to protect the walls, painted the new walls and established the space as it is today: the Sugar Shaft Gallery.

Not only is the space open to any and all hallway browsers, but it also has a wide spectrum of those able to show their work, as well. According to Ewing, the space is open to art majors, minors, art educators and art instructors.

"As long as you are doing something involving art," she said, "you can show in Sugar Shaft."

Last spring, the UNO College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media hosted "The Meow of Art" show in the Sugar Shaft, featuring art created by the children of Fine Arts faculty and staff.

Art student Alex Myers, who has shown his work at the Bemis Underground and the 2006 Omaha Lit Fest, spent eight hours in the Sugar Shaft space last spring with about fifty large cardboard boxes in a piece he called "Nine to Five." During the entire time he constructed the boxes and broke them down again.

Currently, there is a show of the ceramic work by the students of Al Holen,

a visiting assistant professor of art.

"It's a dynamite show," said Ewing of the exhibit.

To find out who is showing next year, or even next month, inquirers will just have to stop by. Ewing noted the artists show on a "first come, first served" basis.

Basically, the Sugar Shaft is a "hallway with a purpose," according to Ewing. "It gives them a small example of what happens in real galleries in regards to putting on a show."

Indeed, artmaking is only part of the process of being an artist. For Sugar Shaft shows, artists get experience hanging their work including use of all of the necessary equipment, pedestals and lighting; layout their presentation; as well as write their own personal statement about their work.

As far as the creative name, it is simply that, said Ewing. "Besides, art is sweet," enough said.

The Sugar Shaft is open during all open hours of University buildings. For those interested in exhibiting their work at the Sugar Shaft Gallery, e-mail Wanda Ewing at [wewing@mail.unomaha.edu](mailto:wewing@mail.unomaha.edu).

From **SOCCER:** Page 4

photo by Michelle Bishop

Beth McGill (left) and Amanda Iwansky fight for control of the ball in Saturday's game.

the tying goal, but were unable to get a shot past Grand Valley goalie Kristina Nasturzio, despite out-shooting the Lakers 18-8 and 8-5 with shots on goal.

With under a minute left to play, the Mavs had one final shot on the goal when Beth McGill tried to head the ball past Nasturzio. The ball was deflected and sent into Nasturzio's waiting arms.

The game was only the second meeting ever between the two schools. The first was in last year's national quarterfinal match where the Mavericks came out on top of the Lakers 2-0.

"I'm proud of our team, I'm proud of the way they played," Klosterman said. "To go through a season wearing big targets on your back and to do what we did and play as hard as we played."

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David Rohlf's even strength goal 4:38 into the second pushed the lead to 3-0.

The Mavs finally got on the board at the 6:17 mark of the third period when Bartholomay's slap shot from the right circle made its way into the net past Sauer.

But, with 11:46 left in the game, UM's Tim Miller sealed the casket on the Mavs, chipping a shot past UNO goalie Jeremie

Dupont to make the final score 5-1.

"In this building, things happen quick. I was pleased with the way we responded in most situations; it was an eye opener for some of our young guys," Kemp said. "Lessons learned, hopefully we can learn and grow from that."

UNO's five-game road stretch continues this Friday and Saturday at Miami.

From **SMOKING BAN:** Page 3

with the ban.

Senior Jennifer Martz is a bartender at Old Chicago on 78<sup>th</sup> and Cass streets. She said she is happy to go home at night less tired and not smelling like smoke anymore. However, Martz admits that business has been slower since the ban.

"Families like it better because they can sit in the bar area now and bring their kids in without smoke being blown in their faces," she said. "But the smokers

obviously don't like it because they can't smoke inside."

She said Old Chicago has installed heat lamps to compensate for the smokers having to go outside to smoke. Still, she said, business has changed.

"Personally I like [the ban] because I'm not a smoker," she said. "But I don't like the fact that business is slower because I don't have as much money in my pocket when I go home at night."

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